

2015-2016 Morehead State University Faculty Senate Minutes – April 17, 2016 Riggle Room

Call to Order: 3:47 p.m.

Senators: Annie Adams (Chair), Sanjeev Adhikari, Aly Ashraf, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio), Katy Carlson, Hans Chapman, Ophelia Chapman, Tim Conner*, Chris Cottingham, Jennifer Dearden*, Nathan Dishman, Mike Dobranski, Anthony Dotson*, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs*, Gina Gonzalez*, Janelle Hare, Timothy Hare*, John Hennen, Eric Jerde, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Gary LaFleur, Jennifer Little, Rus May, Gregory McBrayer, Beverly McCormick, Elizabeth McLaren, Ron Morrison, Sam Nataraj, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Steven Reid, Gilbert Remillard, Sandra Riegle, Brent Rogers, Chad Rogers, Roma Prindle, Kim Sharp, Tim Simpson, Joyce Stubbs, Sherry Surmont (Secretary), Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Michele Walters, Wesley White

Senators Absent Are Underlined Above and an * Denotes an Excused Absence

Guest: Jonathan Pidluzny proxy for Senator Timothy Hare

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To approve 3/17/2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Vote: Passed

Announcements

Chair Adams gave updates on the following topics:

- Student Government passed a resolution regarding budget cuts and academic success that was sent to the Senators by email.
- The Staff Congress & Faculty Senate joint resolution was sent to the legislature in Frankfort and to the Administration.
- The Faculty Senate resolution regarding furlough was received by the President's office.
- There is a UAR in place that does not allow anyone but the President or a representative of the President to contact the press, so the resolution regarding the furlough was not sent to the press.
- The Executive Council have set tentative Faculty Senate meeting dates for the summer:
 - May 5th, May 26th, June 16th, July 14th and August 4th.
- The budget task force completed their work and have given President Andrews their recommendations. The task force is on call for future meetings.
- Chair Adams explained that the 2.6 million dollar tuition shortfall will be reoccurring.
- Chief Executive Officer, Beth Patrick, has declined an invitation to come to a Senate meeting and explain the formula for enrollment projections.

Provost Report

Provost Ralston gave the following announcements:

- Kentucky is joining the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), this will allow the university to offer online courses in other states.
- The Craft Academy has accepted 60 new students for the 2016 fall term.

Regent Report

Regent Berglee reported on the following topics:

- PAC 22 and PAC 26 came before the Board of Regents at their last meeting, March 18th. Chair Goodpaster sent the PACs to committee (Regents Berglee, Price, and Long) for evaluation, there has not yet been instruction given to the committee as to what is to what work will be done.
- There will be a Regent's retreat April 22nd, where no business will be conducted.

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- The next Board of Regents business meeting will be June 10th.

Old Business – Dr. Sarah Morrison’s Appeal

Chair Adams started the conversation with history to the topic. A special Senate meeting was called due to the furlough announcement by President Andrews, March 10th. During that meeting Dr. Sarah Morrison was recognized and she offered a statement of her concerns regarding the management by President Andrews and asked the Senate to take action. The Executive Council took the task of considering Dr. Morrison’s request. The Executive Council took faculty feedback into consideration and crafted the censure document. The Senate body spent much time debating the censure document. Please refer to the Communications report for detail information of the debate.

Motion: To pass the Censure (*Attached*) (**Executive Council**)

Vote: Ballots (Yes 23, No 11)

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

Next meeting: April 21, 2016 – Riggle Room (ADUC)

Minutes Taken By: Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary

Censure

Whereas Morehead State University had a tuition shortfall of \$2.6 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year,

Whereas this shortfall far exceeds the amount of the 4.5% budget reduction proposed by Governor Bevin for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, a \$1.9 million reduction that caused President Andrews to institute a 5-day furlough for administration and staff and a non-recurring salary reduction equal to five contract days of pay for faculty in 2016-2017 in response;

Whereas MSU also faced a tuition shortfall in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, and instituted a Self-Study that year designed to reduce the operating budget of Academic Affairs by \$1.5 million;

Whereas these successive years of tuition shortfall, coming so shortly after the record enrollment of 2011, suggest both a lack of proper enrollment management and a pattern of inaccurate budget planning;

Whereas the problems with enrollment management and budget planning predate the cuts to higher education proposed in Governor Bevin’s biennial budget;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate at Morehead State University censures President Andrews for failing to effectively lead this institution through difficult economic times and shelter the core mission of the university, which is instruction.